

EBLES Executive Meeting

7:00 pm October 12, 2017

PRESENT: Lara Wear, Heather Afford, Joanne Nelson, Dianne McGuire, Kristen Hoel, Ted Simmons

- Meeting called to order at 7:10
- Minutes from the September meeting were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The account balance is \$6470.35

FACILITIES

- There were a few trees down across trails that have been removed
- Someone has identified over 500 trees that they claim pose a risk. CRD is checking them all and putting orange spray paint on those that will be cut down
- The little entrance gate to the large hog fuel ring has come off its hinges. Kristen has pulled it to the side. A large wrench will be needed to reattach it.

MEMBERSHIP

- There are 86 members

CORRESPONDANCE

- Lara sent an email reminder to pay dues to all the membership.
- Lara suggested, Ted motioned, Lara seconded and all passed a motion to offer entry into a prize draw of a \$25 Greenhawk gift certificate to all members who pay their 2018 membership on line before December 1, 2017. Lara will send out an email notice regarding the contest and post it on Facebook.

BUSINESS FROM SEPTEMBER MINUTES

- It was agreed that the round pen will be raked rather than adding sand to it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Lara pointed out that there are a number of facilities projects that have been outstanding for a long time, i.e. fixing the feet of the shelter, moving the bulletin board, cleaning up the lockers, and fixing up the tie stalls. She suggested that we need to prioritize these projects based on importance, funding and feasibility.
- There is about \$5000 available after paying insurance and a percentage to Horse Council.
- It was decided that Ted will oversee work on fixing the feet of the shelter at the next work party.
- Lara will email Mark Salamon and ask if CRD will move the bulletin board, she will raise the concern about the environmental impact/impact on the tree roots with him.
- Kristen will ask Stacey if the Appy Club will pay half the cost of painting the announcers booth. The option of renting a spray painter and hiring a couple of people to paint it was discussed. It was pointed out that the building would need to be scraped/wire brushed before it was painted. The option of doing this at a work party was discussed. An alternative would be to enter the

contest for free painting by White Knight again. Another option would be to hire a professional company to do the job. No decision was made.

- Lara will ask the CRD for some gravel for the tie stalls.

WORK PARTY

- A work party will be held on Sunday Oct 22, 2017 subject to Ted's availability.
- Lara will send out an email notice to the membership about the work party if Ted confirms that he is available.
- Tasks for the work party will be fix the feet of the shelter, pulling weeds and blackberries and raking the round pen.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ???? will check into the Gaming Grant
- The Land Use Agreement with CRD expires Dec. 31, 2017. Heather will inquire with CRD about renewing it.
- It was decided that the sand ring will be locked until the leaves have mostly finished falling and the leaves can be raked off the ring. Will likely hold a leave raking party sometime in November. This can be discussed at the next meeting.
- There was a discussion about what the goals for 2018 for EBLES should be. Suggestions included, encouraging more participation in Executive meetings and work parties from the Appy Club, encouraging more use of the facility, encouraging more members to volunteer, raising the number of members, raising the number of ring rentals, and maintaining the facility. No decisions were made.
- The question of why the water bill was 6 times what it was in 2016 was raised. The possibility of a leak was discussed. There was a leak early in the year but Ted fixed it. There is no indication that there is currently a leak. The possibility that the sprinklers were set to do too much sprinkling was discussed.
- Someone needs to check into the possibility of getting the sewer charges removed from the water bill.

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2017, 7:00pm,